Mr. K. N. Govindan : That was not the opinion of the Government then.

Mr. K. R. Elankath : Am I to take it that the Government selected the man without any basis ?

Mr. K. N. Govindan : The question has been answered.

Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju : ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ ഗവണ്മെന്റിന് അന്നത്തെ അഭിപ്രായമാണോ ഇന്നുമുള്ളത് ?

President : It is not necessary for the honourable members on the Government side to give information on opinions held out by them. They have only to give information on facts presented before them.

The Director of Ayurveda.

68. * **Mr. M. S. Anirudhan :** Will the Government be pleased to state the reason why the office of the Director of Ayurveda is kept vacant ?

Mr. K. N. Govindan : At the time when the vacancy arose there was no properly qualified person to fill the place and, as an experimental measure, the department was bifurcated into two and one branch was placed under the Principal, Ayurveda College, and the other under the Inspector of Ayurveda, who were independant of each other. Government propose shortly to reorganise the department when the question of the appointment of a Director will be considered.

Expenditure for construction of buses for the transport scheme.

69. * **Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the amount spent till 18-5-1113 towards the construction of buses for the transport scheme ;

(*b*) the amounts disbursed so far towords the pay and remuneration for service for the construction of such buses ,

(*c*) the amount that is at present given for the construction of the body of a bus ; and

(*d*) whether any one had offered to build the bodies for a lesser amount, and, if so, will they be pleased to state the amount ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (*a*) and (*b*) £22,620.

(*c*) Rs. 1,600.

(*d*) Yes. The Manico Industrials, Quilon, who were housed in a shed not large enough to accommodate one body, quoted Rs. 1,100 per body subject to an advance by the Government of 50 per cent. cash with order.

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Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether any foreign labour was brought for the construction of buses?

Rao Bahadur Raiyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: A Company has been given the contract for constructing 34 bodies. They are engaging as far as possible local labour. They may have one or two experts to supervise the work and, excepting them all the labour is local.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether the Government called for tenders for the construction of buses?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Quotations were invited by the Transport Superintendent and were received from three or four firms.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether the Government advertised for quotations in the Gazette?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: No, Sir.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know the date on which contract was given?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: About three months ago. I am not able to give the exact date now.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know the way in which tenders were called for by Government?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The Transport Superintendent invited them.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: Sir, my question has not been answered. I want to know whether the Transport Superintendent called for tenders?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: He must have called for tenders; otherwise he would not have received them.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: Was the information advertised in the Gazette?

Rao Bahadr Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I do not think so.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: Was that advertised in the Newspapers?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Not, probably.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether any man other than the one mentioned here offered for the construction of buses?

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Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether any advance is given to the present company to whom the construction of buses is entrusted ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: No, Sir.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know the name of the company with whom the construction of buses is arranged ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The bodies of 34 buses are being constructed by Messrs. Byramshaw & Co., Ltd., and 25 bodies by the P. W. D. workshops

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether this Byramshaw & Co., is a foreign concern ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: It is a Madras Firm.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether the Manico Industrials, Quilon, is a Travancore Concern ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: It may be.

Mr. M. S. Anirudhan: May I know why the tenders were not advertised for ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: There was hardly time for it. The bodies had to be built in three months. The Transport Superintendent got tenders from several firms and the most competent and reliable of them was given the contract.

Mr. K. R. Elankath: May I know whether all the buses are being manufactured by the P. W. D. Workshops?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: No. 25 bodies are being manufactured by the P. W. D. Workshops

Mr. K. R. Elankath: May I know the cost incurred for the construction of one body by the contractor ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai. Rs. 1,600.

Mr. K. R. Elankath: May I know whether the salaries of the officers and the establishment are covered in the contract ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The cost includes overhead charges also.

Mr. K. R. Elankath: May I know, whether the present cost is not much higher than the one offered by a private Company ?

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Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: No, Sir, the cost is very reasonable.

Mr. K. R. Elankath: In view of the high-paid officers as well as the establishment charges, may I know whether the expenditure incurred is proportionate ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai Yes, only the proportionate overload charges are included in the cost.

Ayurveda Hospital.

70. * **Mr. M. S. Anirudhan:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of typhoid patients treated as in-patients in the Ayurveda Hospital ; and

(*b*) the distance between the in-patient ward of the Ayurveda Hospital and the class room of the Science College ?

Mr. K. N. Govindan: (*a*) two in 1112.

(*b*) About 200 feet.

Mr. M. S. Anirudhan: May I know whether it is not a fact that there is a road leading from the Science College separating the in-patient ward of the Ayurveda Hospital and the Science College ?

Mr. K. N. Govindan: Yes.

Mr. K. R. Elankath: May I know the number of patients treated in the Hospital in recent years ?

Mr. K. N. Govindan: I claim notice.

Mr. K. R. Elankath: May I know from the member whether there is any inconvenience caused by this Hospital to the Science College ?

Mr. K. N. Govindan: I claim notice.

Mr. K. R. Elankath: May I know whether there is a proposal to shift the Hospital ?

Mr. K. N. Govindan: No, proposal yet.

Hospitals and dispensaries in certain taluks.

71. * **Mr. N. V. Chacko** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) the number of

(*i*) District Hospitals and

(*ii*) Dispensaries in the taluks of Parur, Kunnathunad, Muvattupuzha and Devicolam ; and

(*b*) the number of lady doctors in each of these ?

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